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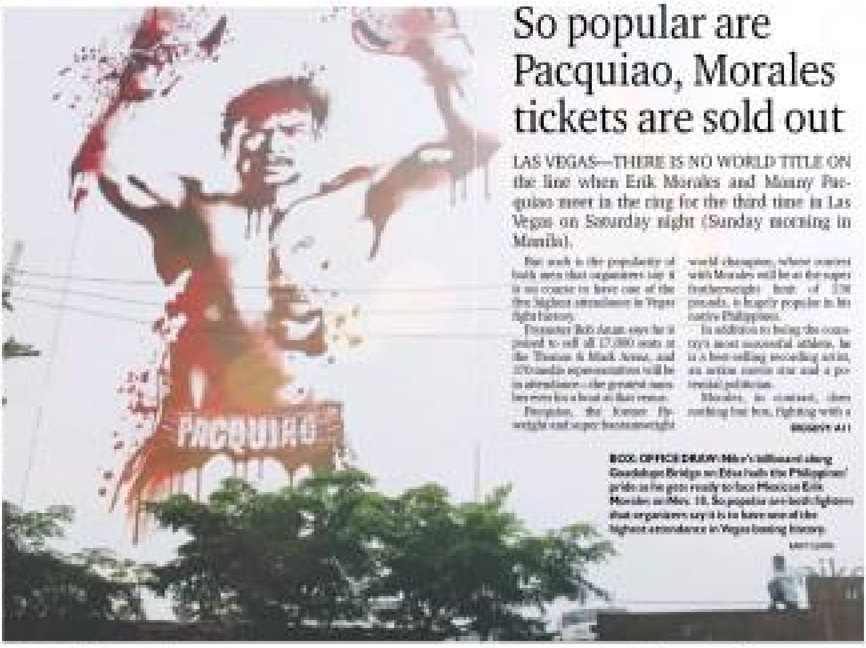
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So popular are Pacquiao, Morales tickets are sold out

LAS VEGAS—THERE IS NO WORLD TITLE ON the line when Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiao meet in the ring for the third time in Las Vegas on Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila).

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Honasan transferred to Erap jail

By Alcuin Papa

FROM THE CUSHY ASIAN HOSPITAL and Medical Center in Muntinlupa City, Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan was transferred yesterday to Camp Sto. Domingo in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

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By Jocelyn R. Uy

HIS NEW "NEIGHbors" include the notorious Batang City Jail gang and suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf terror group but at least he has a cell of his own and a thin curtain to shield him from their prying eyes.

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ANG TAKES off his shirt despite three electric fans inside his cell at the Special Intensive Care Area of Metro Manila District Jail in Camp Bagong Diwa on Friday.

Abu Sayyaf neighbors

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No VIP

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Threat to Ang's life

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Alone in his cell

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Ready to explain

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By Leila B. Salaverria

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Gov't sees decrease in child workers

THE NUMBER OF CHILD WORKERS WILL decrease when the national economy improves, according to a senior official of the Department of Labor and Employment.

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GMA in Apec, vows to make RP a key player

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end meeting with Bush today and she said their talks were expected to center on "RP-US strategic alliance to fight terror and poverty."

She said this was in line with the "larger Apec agenda of human security and economic cooperation."

Ms Arroyo is also expected to hold bilateral talks with the leaders of Canada, Chile and Russia.

In Hanoi itself, Vietnam's communist rulers were nowhere in sight as the country staged its biggest-ever capitalist meeting, with more than 1,000 business executives descending to sing the praises of the booming host economy.

Vietnam, due to join the World Trade Organization (WTO) this year and hailed as Asia's hot new investment destination, this week hosts its coming-out party on the world stage—the Apec summit.

Travelling with Bush, one of 21 Apec leaders headed for Hanoi, were hundreds of corporate chieftains eager to do business in Vietnam, Southeast Asia's second most populous country with 84 million people.

When Bush visits Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, on Monday, he is scheduled to drop into the city's stock exchange, which this year has posted one of the world's highest growth rates, albeit from a low base.

Corporate giants

Corporate leaders in Vietnam have flocked to a string of business seminars and dinners, capped by the Apec CEO summit, a $2,000-per-person event that ends Sunday with a golf tournament at an exclusive course near Hanoi.

Major sponsors include GM, Microsoft, FedEx, Citigroup and AIG, whose corporate logos on Apec banners around town now outnumber the regime's propaganda placards praising the virtues of the Communist Party.

Three decades after the end of the war, Vietnam has opted for WTO-style globalization and a spot in dynamic Asia's economic mainstream, said Carl Thayer, a Vietnam expert with the Australian Defense Force Academy.

"Vietnam has identified the danger of falling behind," said Thayer. "Whatever the pain of WTO membership, Vietnam's leaders have concluded that more is to be gained from the benefits."

Bustling Hanoi

Officially, Vietnam is one of the world's five remaining communist-ruled countries—a club whose other members are China, Cuba, Laos and North Korea—and its regime pursues a "market economy with socialist orientation."

But there is no reference to Marxism-Leninism or revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh in the brand-new conference center, a $270-million edifice built on the edge of the capital just in time for the summit.

Many Apec visitors who expected to arrive in a drab communist country have voiced surprise at the buzz on Hanoi's streets, a jumble of noodle vendors and flower ladies, where mopeds weave through chaotic traffic from dawn till late at night, many carrying improbably large loads of goods and produce.

"I think Vietnam has been underestimated widely," said one impressed repeat visitor, US Chamber of Commerce president Thomas Donohue. "I've never seen so many entrepreneurs anywhere in the world in my whole life.

Little businesses

"The folks here every day are taking a risk, trying to start a little business. And that creates a lot of competitive economy. I think it's an extraordinary place."

Vietnam—which saw over 8 percent economic growth last year, second only to China in East Asia—has been a magnet for investors. Japan this year, having drawn billions of dollars in foreign investment.

The country's youngish new Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, who turned 57 on Friday, has pledged to cut red tape, battle corruption and level the playing field for foreign investors.

"Vietnam is recognized as one of the world's most promising economies," said Michael Smith, president and CEO of the bank HSBC, at the meeting.

"The fact that this summit is being held in Vietnam is a testament to the prominent position Vietnam now has on the international stage ... We are all only excited about your country's future."

Bush agenda

On his arrival in Hanoi, Bush urged a tough line in implementing United Nations sanctions against North Korea for its recent nuclear test.

Bush is also pushing a US-backed proposal for a regional free trade zone.

Bush's arrival Friday in Hanoi—where he is only the second US president to visit since the Vietnam War ended in 1975—sharpened the summit's focus on security issues such as North Korea, the war in Iraq and Iran's nuclear development.

"It's important for the world to see that the Security Council resolutions which were passed are implemented" against North Korea, Bush said. "So part of my discussions will be how we fully implement those sanctions that the world has asked for."

In meetings at Apec this week, the United States, Japan and South Korea have been trying to coordinate strategy ahead of new multilateral talks on North Korea's nuclear program. The North announced it would end a boycott of the talks after its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

The Apec forum also has been dominated by efforts to restart stalled world trade talks, a US-backed proposal to establish a Pacific Rim free trade zone, and other issues such as global warming.

While Bush leads the most powerful member of Apec, his arrival in Hanoi failed to stir the excitement generated by predecessor Bill Clinton's 2000 visit. Bush's appearance drew mostly the curious rather than the devoted. *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza in Hanoi, and Agence France-Presse and AP*

Filipinos rock in Apec with karaoke diplomacy

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Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) task force on counterterrorism, resorted to karaoke performances with diplomats from Apec member countries so they would agree on measures to fight terrorism in the region.

Defensor told reporters in Hanoi that the Filipino counterterror team used karaoke diplomacy to secure a consensus from Apec members on proposed counterterrorism measures.

He said it was hard to get a consensus in Apec, not only because it was made up of 21 member-countries, but also because some diplomats believed security issues should not be discussed in the forum.

"The moment you bring up the term 'security' or 'weapons of mass destruction,' not only do they develop a fever, they become hysterical," Defensor said.

Some countries even insisted that security issues not be discussed in Apec, but in another forum.

Karaoke strategy

"But our answer is, 'If you cannot do it now, when are you going to do it? Are you going to bring it up in another forum and make promises you cannot deliver?'" Defensor said. "I am a military man and I want to deliver. Otherwise, I do not want to go to a talk-fest."

Because of this, Filipino counterterror experts came up with a "secret" weapon to get the diplomats on board. "Our secret was outside the boardroom—our strategy was artistic," Defensor said.

"We have sessions in the afternoon where we just go singing. They call it our karaoke strategy," he said. "When I come here, we plead, we cajole our members. And if they do not agree, we threaten them. We threaten them to sing solo!"

Apparently, the strategy succeeded. With Defensor as chair, the counterterror task force came up with the Apec Counter-Terrorism Review, "an authoritative policy guide that would lay the groundwork for future efforts against counterterrorism," the retired general said.

The recommendations of the review include greater information-sharing among Apec members on possible terrorists traversing national borders, blocking the proliferation of "manpad" or air defense system" which is all about preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and preventing money laundering of funds of terror groups.

RP performance

"The review highlights the way Philippine leadership is displayed in an international fora like Apec," Defensor said.

"Consensus in Apec is what they call a simple consensus. If one disagrees, there is no consensus. Can you imagine, [persuading] 21 minds—with their own cultural backgrounds—to say 'OK, we agree?'" he said.

Defensor said the country was also able to "catalyze" the need to discuss security issues even in an economic forum like Apec.

"The counterterrorism task force was supposed to fade into the sunset this year because the mandate of the task force was only up to this year. But because of the performance of the Philippines, they agreed to extend the mandate," he said.

Secure trade

"We told them it would be impossible to have trade if we cannot secure trade not only from terrorists, but also from other threats. I do not think they can object now with so many security issues coming out in the Asia-Pacific region," Defensor added.

The retired general said he was also able to secure a consensus within the group on the need for "total supply chain security."

"Meaning, from the time a product is boarded on an aircraft or ship, we make sure it is secure until it reaches the port of destination," Defensor said.

"That is the reason we were able to strengthen efforts against bioterrorism because the supply chain is secure. We can protect the food chain from being deliberately contaminated and destroying entire populations," he added.

Caregivers are breastfeeders, too, in Cabanatuan

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breastfeeding.

For five or six more times that day, she breastfeeds that infant, apart from her own.

Saragpon, 17, is among the nursing mothers at the center who daily nurse the children of other mothers who have to leave home for work.

She and her colleagues perform the task not merely for the honorarium given at the end of every "working" day but also to provide the absent mothers' children appropriate nourishment as well as love and concern.

Sixteen trained caregivers working in shifts assist the nursing mothers and the children at the center run by the Provincial Early Childhood Care and Development Office (PECCDO).

"We have 16 nursing mothers who are on call for the breastfeeding service," said Maria Victoria Carlos, a former regional training officer of the Department of Social Welfare and Development in Central Luzon, and the acting chief of PECCDO.

Proper screening

"We are [developing] a system that we think can be replicated elsewhere. It is good for the optimum growth and development of these infants," she said.

"Both and the other nursing mothers were properly screened and selected and then trained for the parenting they will be doing in lieu of the biological mother," said Carlos, who serves as the center's officer in charge.

"We see to it that their own babies are not neglected while they perform their responsibilities at the center," she said.

The nursing mothers arrive at the center at 8 a.m. and leave at 5:30 p.m.

At the end of the day, they receive the equivalent of P250 in the form of food items—about five kilograms of rice and assorted canned goods.

The infants for breastfeeding are brought to the center by their mothers early in the morning before going to work and are collected in the afternoon or later in the evening for their coordinated work.

The center is a special project put up by Gov. Tomas Joson III under the PECCDO. It started operations on Oct. 23.

'Enrollees'

According to Carlos, the concern for infants (or babies up to 6 months old) is not well-defined in the government program mandated by the Early Childhood and Development Act.

She said Joson prepared the center's breastfeeding project to provide services for the infants of working mothers who are forced to leave their children under the care and attention of untrained caregivers.

The initial "enrollees" for the breastfeeding project are children of provincial government employees who work at the new capitol building in Palayan City, about 20 km from Cabanatuan.

Aside from the infants, toddlers up to 3 years old are accepted and enrolled in the center, Carlos said.

Caregivers provide activities to develop the toddlers' confidence, as well as motor skills and language and social-emotional skills.

The PECCDO administers the center's operational funds, which are provided by the DSWD Council for the Welfare of Children and the provincial government.

The center has 17 children under its care.

The mothers of the four infants enrolled in the breastfeeding program donate a small amount for the center's operations at the end of each month. The toddlers' mothers, on the other hand, give P20 daily to cover their children's food expenses.

The center prepares the toddlers' meals based on a planned menu.

Qualifications

Carlos said that to qualify as a breastfeeding service provider at the center, a nursing mother should:

- Have a child whom she is breastfeeding;
- Be healthy;
- Be of good character and personal background.

Both the nursing mothers and the biological mothers undergo training on their respective responsibilities.

The nursing mothers, who provide the infants care and attention during the day, are obliged to maintain good hygiene. They are urged to talk to the child during breastfeeding sessions.

The center provides soft music during such sessions.

Video camera

Carlos acknowledged that the biological mothers would be concerned about their infants while they were away at work.

"We will have a provision for that mother's need to check her child. We have a video camera in the nursing room to be hooked to the Internet," she said.

A mother may log on and request a viewing of her child. The viewing time will have to be arranged with the head of the office where she is employed.

"We are developing a system to answer all the possible needs of this special project," Carlos said.

She added: "Studies have shown that healthy nursing mothers can provide the milk needed by two babies daily. More milk is produced if the mothers regularly suckle a baby."

Morales 'a better boxer now'

By Francis Ochoa

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Only defeat since '99

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RSBS is not bankrupt, says its former president

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IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

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THE FINAL ARBITER

The Philippines is embroiled in a war of sorts. The war is in our minds. We have to come to grips with reality. We must lift the curtain of partisan politics. Even the Supreme Court has not been spared from it. But I have nothing but admiration for them. They were impervious to outside influences. They had the courage to make their independent and impartial stand. They rose to the occasion and proved that it deserves our implicit trust. The erudite and masterful ponencia of Justice Antonio Carpio in the case [illegible] – the Peoples Initiative led by the Sigaw ng Bayan, is one which will stand out in our judicial history. In fact, Justice Antonio Carpio has made judicial history. Some elements in our society noticed his passion and the strong words he employed. His passionate, but ardent advocacy of a rule of law dictated the tone of his words. The dissenting opinion of Justice Reynato Puno is an expression of his advocacy of a rule of law, tempering justice with an attempt to give life to the will of the people. Salus populi est suprema lex. The will of the people is the supreme law. This classic case has divided the country. That is nothing new. The bane of politics has fractured our society. It only accentuates the elections. It is also a standing example of the independent mindedness of each member of the Court. All of them must have had sleepless nights. In such a narrow decision, a change of heart and mind by only one of them could have altered the course of history and possibly changed the quality of our lives.

In our system of government, the Supreme Court is the final arbiter. It has spoken, although its decision is not yet final. It is expected that a Motion for Reconsideration will be filed. The narrow decision - an 8 to 7 vote - will not allow it to end without a fight. I only hope that it will not end with bitterness and despair. The maturity of our people will be tested, as it has never been tested before. I am an ardent advocate of a rule of law. The proceedings must take its course. As in the olden days, the people, the citizens, acting thru their duly authorized representatives, will decide the fate of the gladiators. Thumbs up, you live! Thumbs down, you die! You live or die under the rules. The decision is now more sophisticated. Justice and fairness is now the guiding rule. The verdict is not orchestrated by a jeering vengeful bellowing crowd.

WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

When the smoke of battle clears, we will realize that our fate did not depend on this monumental decision. The verdict in this case will not necessarily alleviate our lives. A change in the form of government is not a guarantee that we will have a panacea, a utopian existence. It will alter the fate of its proponents or its detractors. But, in the ultimate analysis, we are only pawns in the game. We are like marionettes dancing to the tune of their music. We are sacrificial lambs. You can dance to the tune of the tango, the samba or the rumba, but when the music stops, you just go back to your respective chairs. The dance is over, the music has stopped, but you have not improved your lives. The people want a meaningful change. A parliamentary form of government, or a unicameral system, is no guarantee that it will genuinely alter our lives. I have felt the pulse of the people. They want a change. But they should ask for more than just a formalistic change in the form of government. I concede that one can be happy with a bicameral legislature, a prime minister or a president. Everybody has his own preference. Name the system; it will have its defects or advantages. But a formalistic change will only make them hunger for a new day. A day of deliverance and hope. I grant that some form of government can be more responsive to our needs. It may be speedier; it may facilitate changes much faster. But as the Spaniards say, en realidad de verdad, people make the difference.

I am an ardent lover of the law. But law is merely an instrument designed to guide our lives. It does not decide for us. The constant search is for men of goodwill; whose desire is to do good for every man. Talk is cheap. Orators can impress you. They can drench you with words. But what I want to see is a change of heart. I want to see a real change. Not a formalistic change. What you see is what you get. It can happen in any form of government. Or it may never happen in our lifetime. I am not indicting the men in power. They decide the future of our lives. But for heaven's sake, they must exert more efforts to improve the quality of our lives. I have friends on both sides of the fence. I do not want to offend anyone. But I louder what I see. A few basic changes may do the trick. Let us do away with the pork barrel! Let us teach our people not to gouge our politicians on Election Day. For the pittance that our legislators legally receive, do not tempt them to sell their souls to the devil on Election Day. You have made them what they are. You have no right to expect them to serve your interests. When you demand the impossible you damn yourselves. You court disaster when you try to perpetuate a system that guarantees your doom. How can you expect government to alleviate your lives, especially the poor, when the coffers have been drained by the pork barrel? How can the legislature pass a budget to fill your needs, when the coffers are already dry? And can you expect the President to make miracles? Solve your problems? Alleviate the welfare of the poor? Empty words and empty pockets cannot provide the long term solutions to what our country needs. I am about ready to throw up my hands in despair. And unwittingly, our people caused it all. Avarice has its bitter and subtle rewards. Our politicians have to be paid an honorable and decent wage to insulate them from the temptation to recover their costs on Election Day by fair means or foul. Give them a chance to be decent and upright; your future lies in their hands. If you fail them; they will fail you; there is no other way. I am not a prophet of doom. I know we can do it! Concert of action; that is what we need. United, we cannot fail.

GET RID OF THE PORK BARREL

The pork barrel is designed to win the vote of the electors in every politician's bailiwick. It is selfish and parochial. It is a festering sore. It inevitably leads to graft. I have just come back from Beijing, China; they have no pork barrel as we know it. Their grandiose super highways and towering skyscrapers make 5th Avenue, New York, look like a poor cousin. They attracted 40 million foreign tourists last year. Our scenery is unrivalled; but we do not have the infrastructure to accommodate the tourists. Only a handful of tourists brave our pot holes and overcrowded streets to see the wonders of the world. The pork barrel has drained all our resources. We have dissipated all our strength. Let us wake up. This is the new millennium. If we persist in our pernicious system; we court disaster. We are out of step with the times. We will be left far behind.

Let us scrap our useless fight for a change in the form of our government. It is not the solution we need. Let us stop bickering. To our insurgents, I appeal to you. The fight is not between us. The fight is for our survival; yours and mine. If you abandon your forlorn and futile fight, peace will reign in the country side. The army budget can be significantly reduced so that it can be productively used to improve your lives. Bullets and mortar shells will be replaced by housing settlements and a piece of land to till. Peace will reign and all of us can celebrate. I offer my hand of friendship to you. Let us be friends. I was once an army officer; we fought each other. Thank God we are still alive. I do not need an enemy, I need a friend, a helping hand. It can be yours if you only wish. Together, we may still be able to change the world. Especially yours. Those who have less in life should have more in law. Let us stop bickering. We are all tired of it. The situation is intolerable! Let us give peace a chance.

ABUSE HEAPED UPON ABUSE

In our form of government, we have our system of checks and balances. Let us not use it to a fault. The legislature is empowered to enact the laws and as an incident to such a mandate, it has the right to conduct investigations __in aid of legislation__. But what has happened? It has devoted almost all of its time to investigate and forgot the duty to legislate. Analyze its budget and see how much they have squandered in investigating, as against what it has spent in time and money to enact laws. Let us ponder and see where we are heading to, if we do not change our erring ways. The power is there, but it should not be abused. It can be said in their defense that the President has to be checked. That the Executive Department has to be reined in. A valid comment. But then, if the President and her cabinet are freed from their shackles and your shadow does not bother them they may surprise you. They may hearken to their conscience and alleviate the welfare of the people. In case of a flagrant abuse, we have the right to impeach even our President. That is what the Constitution dictates. The Executive and the Congress must be a working team. They do not have to be adversaries, which they are now. Check with proper balance. Prove to us that you can change our lives working in unison. There is no dearth of decent men on each side. I refuse to believe that they can ignore our plea and allow us to wallow in the cesspool of ignominy and defeat.

LET US NOT COURT DISASTER

We are out of step with the times. We are being left behind. Far behind! Do not say that I did not warn YOU! Blame the stubbornness of your human mind.

A collateral damage - Secretary of National Defense Nonong Cruz has resigned. Nobody can question his integrity and his ability. He does not need his job; but his job badly needs him. His loss is our loss. There can be no mistake about that. Certain quarters may have been displeased with his forthright expression of his views. I think he realizes that but it did not deter him. In his hierarchy of values his country comes first. He is not alone. We stand, side by side with him. None of us is ready to give up without a fight.

We have not lost hope. A great many of us refuse to give up. We do not know the meaning of defeat. It is an ugly word. Let us wise up and rise to the occasion. We can change the world. Saving the world is saving ourselves. When we stand united; nothing can stop us. Victory will be within our grasp. The only alternative to victory is defeat. We refuse to fail. Any futuristic thinking must take this into account. We shall do or die.

Cebu expects ₱1.2B from Asean summit

By Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—WHILE THE GOVERNMENT SPENDing for the preparation for the 12th Asean summit would reach over P1 billion, the province of Cebu was expecting a windfall of at least P1.2 billion in terms of economic benefits for hosting the summit here.



DOJ junks slay raps vs vice mayor

New law seen needed to boost operations of Clark airport

By Tonette Orejas
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PHILIPPINE and US Marines train on a downed Philippine Air Force UH-1H plane that veered off the runway upon landing at Clark Air Base during recent military exercises there on Oct. 24.

Quirino's 'golden orinola' was plastic

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A STATUE of the late President Elpidio Quirino stands in Vigan City. Relatives and admirers of the late president celebrated his 116th birthday in simple ceremonies.

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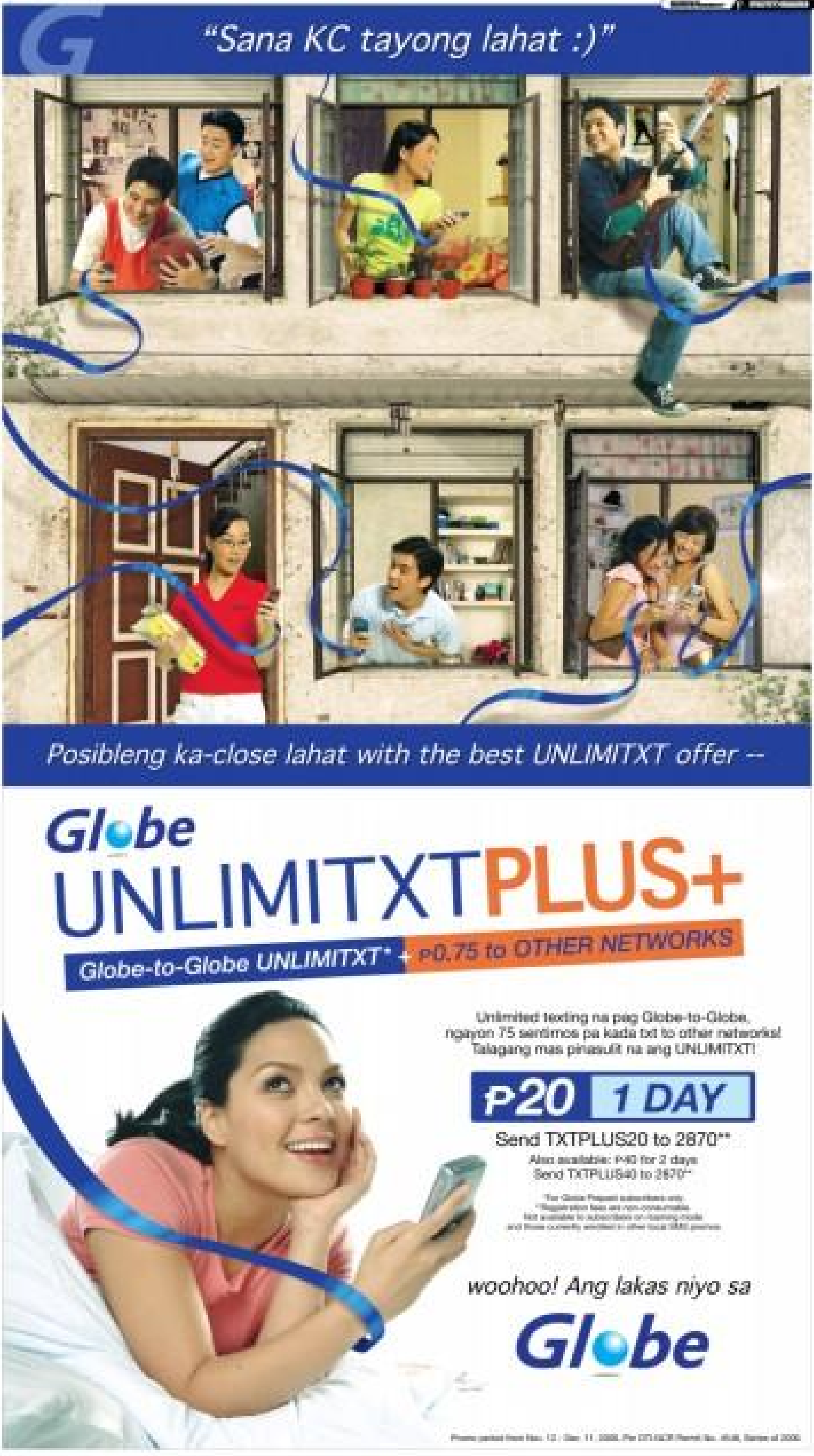
'Kalamay'-making survives high-tech sugar mills

DESPITE THE competition coming from big sugar mills, kalamay-making continues to provide alternative sweeteners to residents of the town of Carigara in Leyte.



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Ex-colonel killed

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DJ Yap

Cop gunned down

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Librarians' confab

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More skilled watchmen

By Tarra V. Quismundo

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Free showings of Pacquiao fight

By Tina G. Santos

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Cops file assault charges against Pasay official

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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Poor patients also have the right to live longer

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



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O.J. Simpson confesses to 1994 murders in book, says publisher



O.J. SIMPSON and his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, in this Oct. 19, 1993 photo.

Thai martial law 'out' within days, says FM

European health ministers OK world's first anti-obesity charter



France, Spain, Italy propose ME peace plan

Socialists back woman in race to lead France



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EXTRAORDINARY TWO-WHEEL-DRIVE BICYCLE

Red wine drug that counters obesity also aids endurance



ANOREXIA VICTIM

The World

Planted evidence prompted Iraq war?

Al-Qaida suspect gave false proof to push US to invade Iraq, BBC told

LONDON—A SENIOR AL-QAEDA SUSPECT CAPtured by the United States deliberately gave false evidence of links between Iraq and the terrorist network, a spy who infiltrated the network told the BBC on Thursday.

The man, identified as Omar Nasiri—not his real name—reportedly spent seven years within al-Qaida as an operative for British and French intelligence agencies. He also said captured al-Qaida operatives would "never" have told the truth if they were tortured.

According to Nasiri, the Sheikh al-Libi, who reportedly told intelligence agents that he was close to al-Qaida leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman Al-Zawahiri, planted the evidence to push the United States to invade Iraq.

Asked by the BBC whether Libi, or any other al-Qaida member, would have told the truth were they tortured, Nasiri replied: "Never."

Questioned as to whether he thought Libi had deliberately given false evidence to get the United States to invade Iraq, he said: "Exactly."

Libi "needed the conflict in Iraq," Nasiri said. He recalled hearing the suspect refer to Iraq as a place to fight jihad, or holy war.

Libi was captured in Afghanistan in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

He was then taken to Cairo where he was allegedly tortured in an Egyptian prison, according to Stephen Grey, the author of the newly released book "Ghost Plane" who investigated the secret US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) planes that ferried suspected terrorists around the world.

Grey previously alleged that evidence Libi gave was extracted under torture. His testimony reportedly formed the basis for the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Former US Secretary of State Colin Powell referred to a UN Security Council meeting in February 2003, weeks before the invasion of Iraq, that the country under Saddam Hussein had provided weapons training to al-Qaida, saying he could "trace the story of a senior terrorist operative," whom Grey alleged is Libi. AFP

SPORTS

WHAT'S INSIDE

- Tiger grabs lead with hot putter/A32





BATTLE READY: Manny Pacquiao (right) and Mexican Erik "El Terrible" Morales strike a pose in yesterday's first press conference for their Grand Finale clash in Las Vegas.

VERBAL SPARRING

Morales jabs at Pacquiao

LAS VEGAS—ERIK "EL TERRIBLE" Morales wants people to remember.

More stories in Late Sports on A21

Can change in formula save Erik Morales?

COMMENTARY

DETHRONED, DISQUALIFIED

Bobby loses futile tiff on low blows



'He'll make the weight, he'll win the fight'

Verbal sparring: Morales takes jab at Pacquiao

Onishuk leads faves' march

Sealers battle Moneymen; Sparks seek share of lead

RP booters favored vs Cambodia today



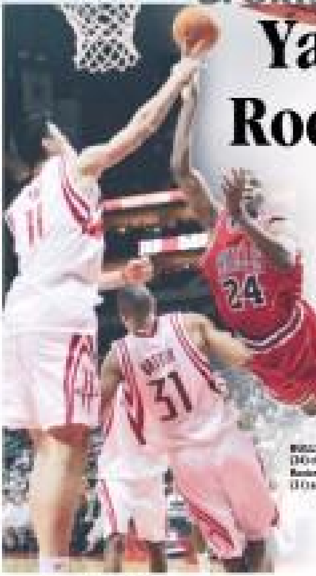
UST eleven stakes clean slate

Reyes, Pazcoguin clinch kart titles

11th Marho racefest goes into high gear

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Lara leads; Juvic 2 off

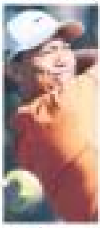


BULLS' Tyrus Thomas (24) charges into Houston Rockets' Shane Battier (31) and Yao Ming.

Yao, TMac power Rockets past Bulls

HOUSTON—YAO MING AND Tracy McGrady registered double-doubles to help the streaking Houston Rockets hold on for a 101-100 victory over the Chicago Bulls Thursday, their fifth win in six games.

Tiger grabs lead with hot putter



WOODS

Federer enters s'finals, tows Nalbandian along



FEDERER

Bacchus-Harbour quint survives Pagadian in OT

Arevalo gets door

Top RP bet falls to fifth-seeded Taiwanese



Anasta, Alcantara secure PCA Open berths



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Business

Stock market uptrend expected to continue



INQUIRER MONITOR

Figures that matter in our nation's life

Over 9 in 10 women in labor force employed

(July 2006 Labor Force Survey, in millions)



IN THIS ISSUE

Shares hit new 9-year high; peso bucks Asia trend

SHARE PRICES YESTERDAY closed 0.85 percent higher, its best close in nine years, with investors seen to be encouraged by the latest budget data and a sharp drop in crude prices, dealers said.



STOCKBROKERS look out over the trading floor at the Philippine Stock Exchange.

IMF upgrades growth forecasts for RP

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY Fund has upgraded its economic growth forecasts for the Philippines on the back of strong export and agricultural output figures, while it scaled down the inflation outlook for this year and the next.

Gov't agencies set to remit P9.2B to GSIS coffers

DBM notes improved fiscal condition



UNITED STATES SUPPORTS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

RP firms post $1.98M in sales in Tokyo food fair, Citem says

SB Corp. strikes deal with Radiowealth



Gov't allots 1M hectares for rubber

BOP surplus target raised to $2.8B

OFW remittances, exports main drivers of growth



UNIONBANK, SARATOGA OF CANADA INK DEAL

PacNet posts $6.8M worth of revenue

Declining interest rates allowed gov't to post ₱25B in savings

Stock market uptrend expected ...

Business builder forum slated

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Clinics that help 'lolo, lola' sharpen memory



Various medical fields involved

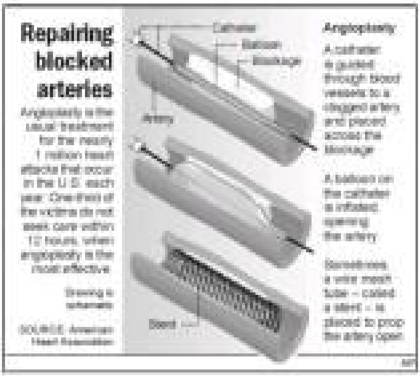
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Fun math activities for toddlers



EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua



A day with cortisol



DISCOVER

Discarded data

General cycle



Waltzing good for heart patients

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

Alternative exercise regimen

Improved performance

Good for heart patients

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

Petron, Meralco lead SEC list of top 5,000 corporations

From third place in '04, oil firm climbed to No. 1 with sales of ₱191.65 billion

Meralco, Napocor sign supply deal

RCBC sells ₱4.6B worth of bad assets

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Tours, Leisure & Chow

Where to Stop Where to GO

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Pavilion Shopper's Frenzy

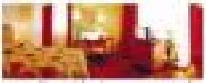




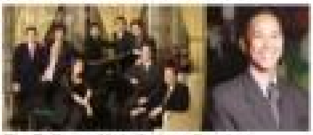


Bigger, better newer rooms at Waterfront Hotel

A relaxing respite at City Garden Hotel - Makati



Holiday gift goodies from Dusit gourmet



The Bellevue Hotel's new director

People, Events & Products

16th Ahmapi Convention

KDF's 1st anniversary

Crystal Cream Supports Miss Cover Girl '06

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

PROPERTY

WITH OWN VERSION OF 'THE 'BURBS'

Angono to entice Pinoy families overseas

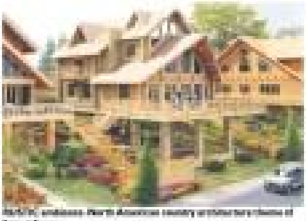


A LARGE and wide wrap-around balcony ideal for informal gatherings with friends and family

By Tessa R. Salazar

THE "BURBS" IS HOW AMERICANS call their suburban communities. For Filipinos overseas—and here at home—who dream to live American but stay in the Philippines, a new property development is set to mimic suburban living in the United States.

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RUSTIC ambiance: North American country architecture theme of Forest Farms



MOUNTAIN Park

National Artist Carlos "Botong" Francisco.

Today, Angono hosts most of the major art galleries and studios found in Luzon and is the home of two art groups composed of established and budding artists.

And now, with Forest Farms, art imitates life. That is, the art capital imitates urban [illegible] life in the West.

Gigi Zulueta, Forest Farms project head, said the entire Forest Farms project involves 33 hectares. There are eight more hectares that are not to be developed in the farms.

Forest Farms has North American country themes with touches of log cabin homes which are more appropriate for the site.

Zulueta said the main entrance gate is almost finished and one of the open spaces with the garden is completed. She added that out of the initial seven hectares opened, 40 percent were already sold.

'Al fresco living'

Forest Farms promises to provide "al fresco living" for its residents. Starting approximately 20 meters above sea level, [illegible] for community offers mountain-fresh air with cool temperatures ranging from 20 to 31 degrees Celsius.

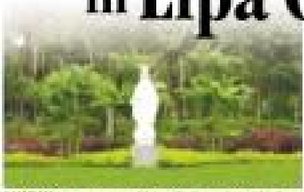
It will have views of the Sierra Madre mountain range on the north, Laguna de Bay and skylines of Makati and Ortigas on the southeast and southwest.

ANGONO/B2-1





Building a spiritually uplifting community in Lipa City



By Charles E. Buban



Retaining natural beauty

Marian Parks

Catching San Francisco fever at Brittany Bay

Always a welcome addition

New batch



Ayala Greenfield Estates Phase 2: In one with nature



Lush greens, majestic trees

Other amenities

Grandeur of nature

Angono to entice Pinoy . . .

Conform with the theme

What's up with Fred and Precy Ramos, Jayjay Reyes and Joy Potenciano?

Integrated community

Making regional investors reconsider RP

By Charles E. Buban



PROMOTING RP: (from left) Sy, De Lima, Mari and Palafox during the summit

AFTER HOSTING THE International Real Estate Federation (Fiabci) Asia-Pacific regional summit recently, Fiabci Philippines is confident regional investors will give the country new attention.

Voice of real estate

Impact of REITs

A Filipino role model overseas

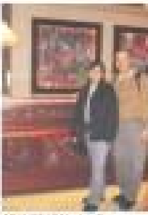
LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Marcos de Guzman Jr

God's bigger plan

Well-sought-out artist



ARCHITECT Noel de Guzman and wife ... in front of part of the lobby mural he created for the Royal Pacific Resort Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

Creating fantastic work

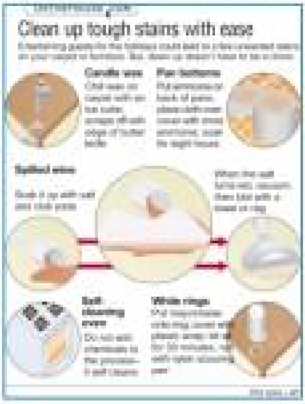


















Rolling out high style across the blue skies of Sta. Rosa

A closer look at a CrownAsia signature project will reveal hundreds of genius hours spent before the new site opens its arms for the bright-eyed, self-made home planner. Such is the case with Valenza, another CrownAsia design force to reckon with in the southern corridor of mega Manila. A fashionably practical enclave proclaiming an obsession for exquisite detail and exacting standards for great value.

An intercity star is born

Because CrownAsia homeowners are self-made successes, their need to live, work and play in close proximity to boom districts, style strips and productivity centers is as vital as the rising of the glorious morning sun each day.

Sta. Rosa meets these requisites with flying colors. Strategically positioned at the town are some of the global industry's most recognizable names. They singled out Sta. Rosa to be the hub of their regional operations, spawning the renaissance of a town teeming with technical, managerial and skilled labor stars.

Themed to stand out

CrownAsia's transformational savvy is consistently evident whenever a new signature project sees the light of day. Valenza's design, heavily inclined toward Italian flair, distinguishes it from all other developments around the area. Its architectural trademarks direct the eyes to the classic cupolas, domes and stunning landscaping.

Value-for-money technical excellence

It is no wonder CrownAsia signature projects outpace competition. The space-saving features as well as practical technical specs are worth their weight in gold. Enabling CrownAsia consultants, architects and engineers to plow back savings into homes that make more sense and save cents in each aspect of their development.

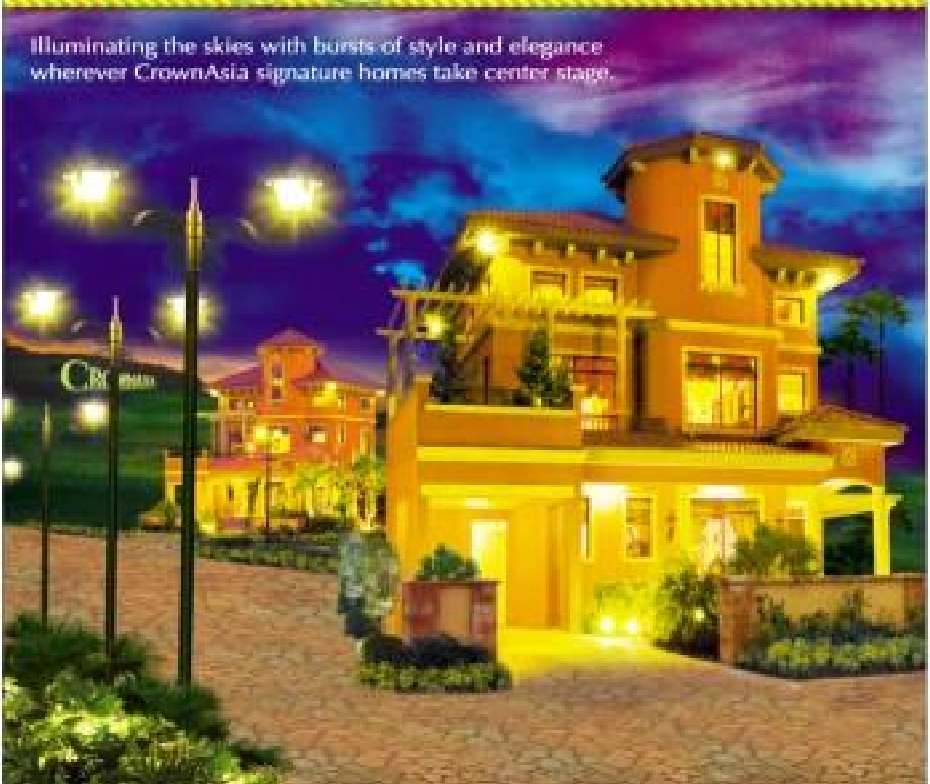
Sta. Rosa takes center stage as the boomtown to beat

Manila saw it coming. The inevitable trend for creative business minds to move away from congested Metro Manila to the fertile commercial grounds of Sta. Rosa.

Never has Laguna seen a dramatic increase in the population of young investor entrepreneurs as the one that unfolded in Sta. Rosa in recent years. A Valenza homeowner is sure to benefit immensely from the vast universe of enterprise opportunities made more attractive by the growing population of Sta. Rosa and the growing visitor critical mass of nearby Tagaytay.

Crown Valenza

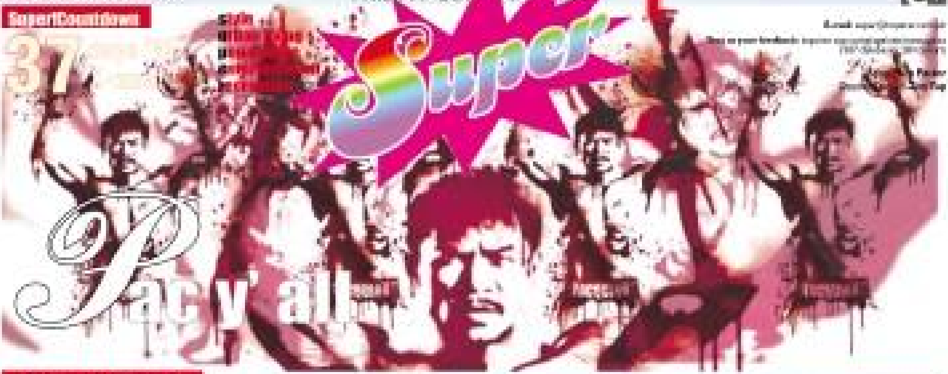
Signature Homes



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Sigaw ng Super! Manny Pacquiao, Just do it!

Imelda Marcos to launch 'the Imelda collection' today! page C1

Kabbalah comes to Manila page C4

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Cover Star "I Am Super" Awardee MANNY PACQUIAO



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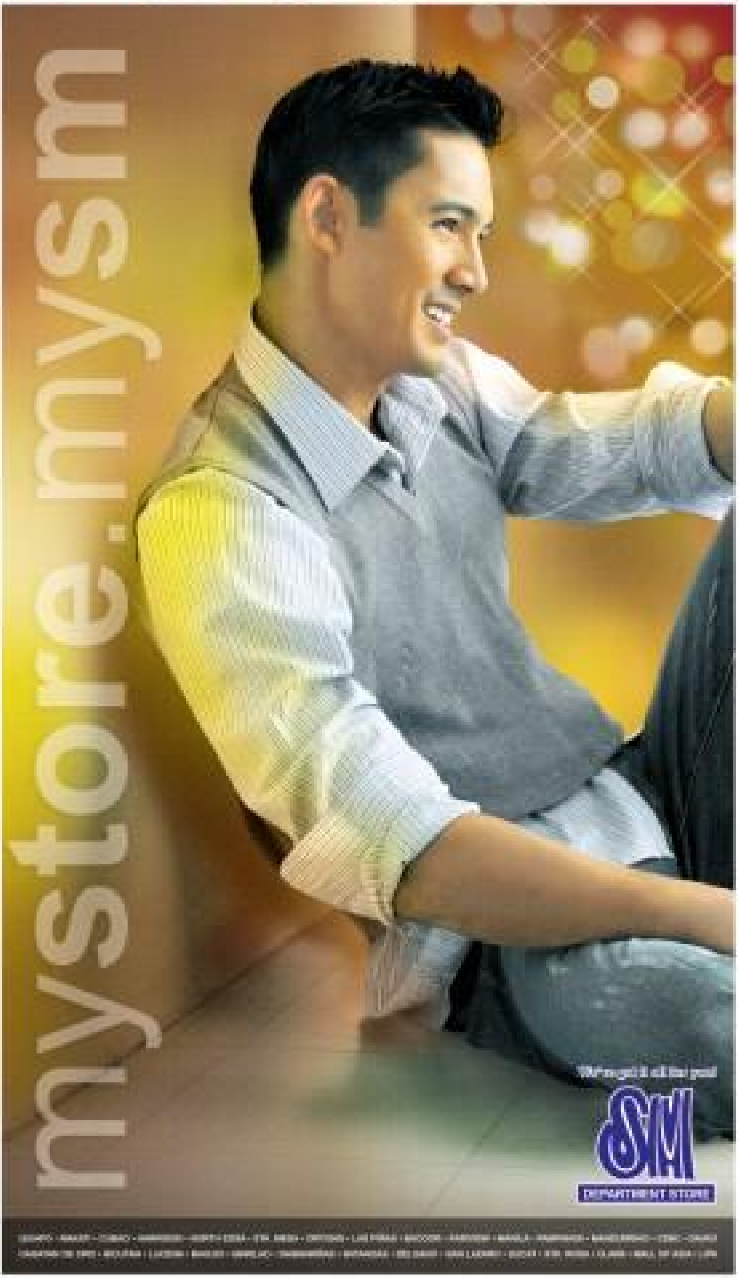
Art Attack

ONCE THE MARKED DOMAIN of lengthy museums and galleries, high art has gone public as of late, extending its illuminating grasp to the realm of random pedestrians and casual bystanders.

Until 2 p.m. today, Velasquez Park (Tordesillas and Leviste streets, Salcedo Village, Makati), the same site of the popular Salcedo Saturday Market, transforms into a virtual oasis of affordable art. Inspired by Sydney's weekly art fairs, seven members of the Mansaret Foundation—Teddie Lopa, Lisa Periquet, Pepper Roxas, Tessa Lopa, Marilu Aranela, Frisilla Lovida, and Tricia [illegible]—conceptualized "Art in the Park."

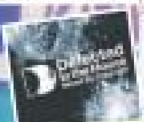
ART/C3





The dance scene gets even more pumped up

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's a Super Big Flying Fish!





For the love of House, for the love of Beats, for the love of Dance Music. This Dec. 2 at the World Trade Center

By Tim Yap

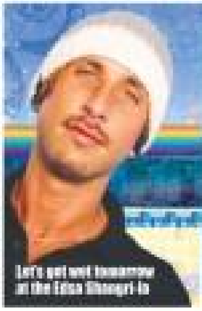
AFTER THE HEAT OF MANNY PACQUIAO bout, why don't you take a "Salted Sunday Afternoon?" Motorola and Driven Manila, the new group headed by Big Fish co-founder Domini Primero is having a swimming pool party at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel featuring Miguel Migs and Julius Papp. Add to that our local headliners Anton Ramos & Anthony Kierulf and you are sure to get wet—and pleased for sure. Splash, splash!

'Gathering of the Tribes' with . . .



Franco-philes unite! Catch him on Friday, Nov. 24 at the PICC Forum

Sunday Swimming Party with . . .



Let's get wet tomorrow at the Edsa Shangri-la

Celebrity skin 'em alive (2)



To every hapless artista I've ever made fun of... (again)

Art Attack





Why are one million people a year improving their lives because of Kabbalah?

By Carol Pulmano

The center understands this wisdom not as an academic discipline but as a way of creating a better life







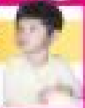
Super 2

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The new old thing

Age against the machine

Gino de la Paz



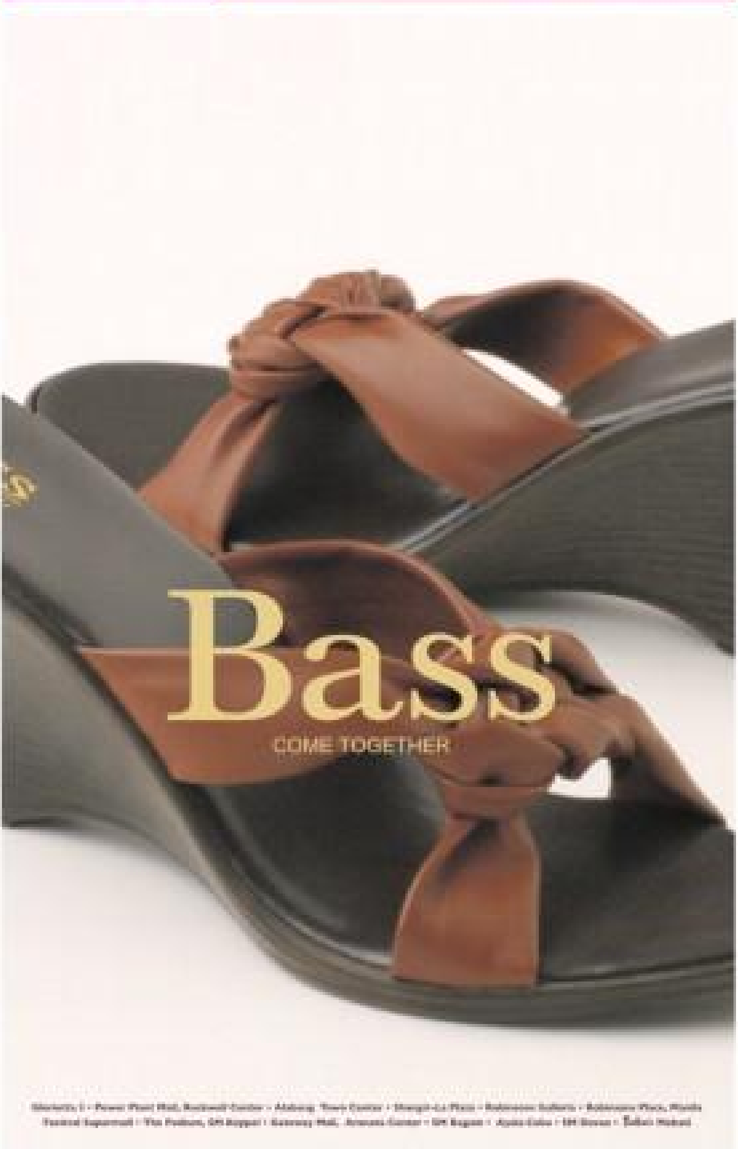
The fashionable press has swooped in on the Death of the Generation Gap. But depending on who's talking, that calls for either a standing or sitting ovation



"MAY YOU LIVE IN INteresting times." That adage may be a moldy oldie, but it's still a jarringly accurate description of the fast but tered pop culture world we live in today. A source of sparkling conversation or a cue to start the eye rolling, a landmark article published in New York magazine earlier this year sounded off about something that's been kicking around for a while now. The emergence of a breed of grown-ups that has apparently bridged the generational divide and redefined adulthood.

Musical chairs

Life uniforms





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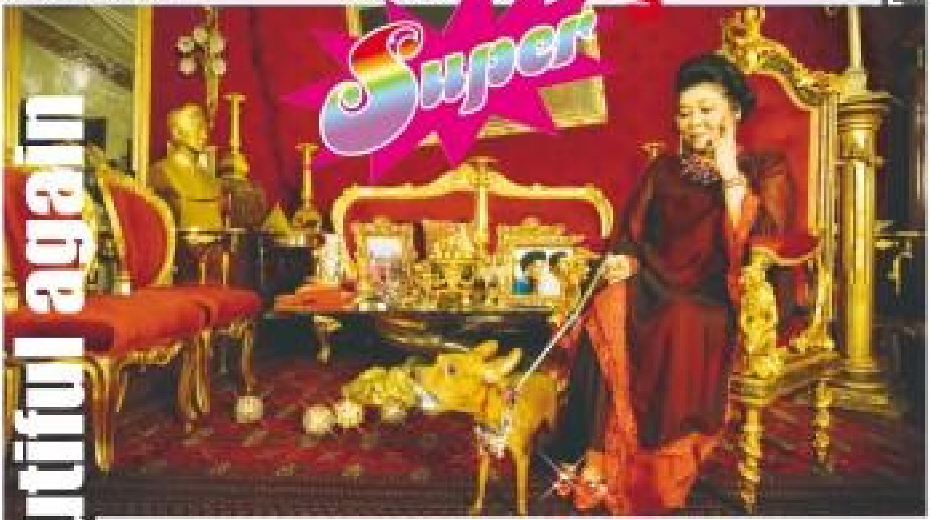
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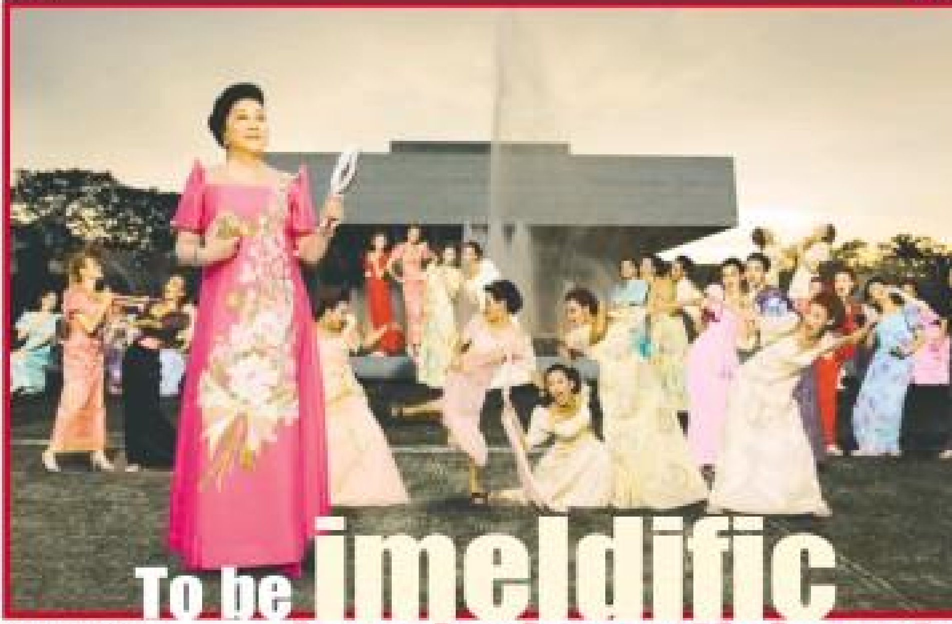
Neo-neo-conservatives



A Walk Back in Time

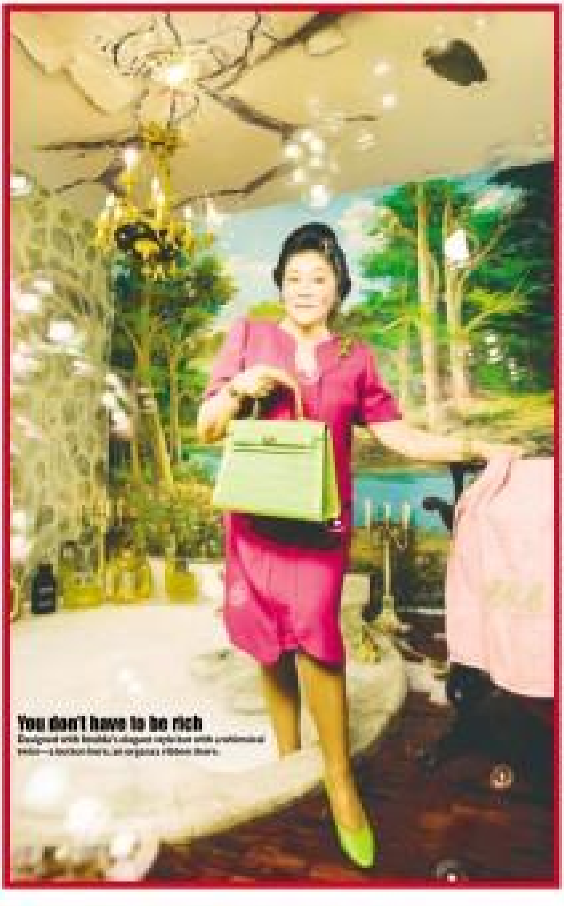
To be Imeldific is to be beautiful again





To be imeldific is to be beautiful again

Butterflies all around



You don't have to be rich

Tim Yap



"LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A treasured trinket. Guaranteed to tarnish, fall apart, maybe even disintegrate. When this happens, just be Imeldific! Be ingenious and find new ways to put it together. Be creative, and discover its secret functions. And when you have made it beautiful again, you will be inspired and inspiring to all around you."

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From Russia with love

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Creating beauty

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Dec. 6
8pm - Greenbelt 3 Park

HOLIDAY HARMONIES WITH THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS
Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23
7pm - Greenbelt 3 Park

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BAG PROMO*
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Dec. 1-31

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS
Nov. 18 & 25
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Glorietta 4 Park
6-7pm

DORA'S SING-ALONG FIESTA
Dec. 8-10
Activity Center
11am, 3pm & 5pm

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
Cooking Demos and
Craft Workshops
Nov. 25 & 26
Dec. 2, 3, 9 & 10
Homezone & Handicrafters Lobby
3-5pm

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 & 22-23
Glorietta 4 Park
7pm

MARKET! MARKET!

CHRISTMAS WRAPPER & SHOPPING BAG PROMO*
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Nov. 18 & 25 + Dec. 2, 9,
16, 23, 25 & 30
Fiesta Market Open Parking

HOLIDAY SALE! SALE!
Nov. 30 - Dec. 3
10am - 10pm

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Nov. 30 - Dec. 11
Trade Hall A

CHRISTMAS GOODIES BAZAAR
Dec. 11 - 15
Activity Center

ANTICIPATED SIMBANG GABI
Dec. 15 - 23
Trade Hall A
7pm

GO NEGOSYO PARA SA MGA OFW
Dec. 15 - 17
Trade Halls A & B

CARTOON NETWORK'S FOSTER IMAGINARY SANTA
Celebrating friendship
during Christmas
(featuring Mac and Bloo)
Dec. 16
10am - 7pm

KARAOKE SURVIVAL CHALLENGE 2
Dec. 21
Activity Center

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

FIRE IN THE SKY
Fireworks Display on Sundays
until Dec. 24
6:30pm - Town Plaza

DORA'S SING-ALONG FIESTA
Dec. 1, 2 & 3
11am, 3pm & 6pm
Activity Center

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BAG PROMO*
Shop and get a FREE
Christmas Shopping Bag
for every P500 purchase
at any Alabang Town Center
establishment from Dec. 1 to 25!

ACOUSTIC NIGHT
Jam with these bands
this Yuletide season!
Dec. 8 - Spread the Love
Dec. 15 - Mataas
Dec. 22 - Time Into Music
7pm - Corte de las Palmas

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA SERIES
Dec. 10 - Faith Baptist Church,
4pm & 5:30pm
Dec. 16 - Bread from Heaven, 7pm
Dec. 23 - Alabang New Life
Christian Center, 7pm
Town Plaza

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS EXHIBIT
Dec. 15 to 28 - Home Zone

AYALA CENTER CEBU

DORA'S SING-ALONG FIESTA
Dec. 17 - 4pm & 6:30pm
Nov. 18 - 11am,
3pm, 5pm & 7pm
Nov. 19 - 11am,
3pm & 6:30pm
Activity Center

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR A CAUSE
Dec. 8

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROMO
Santa & his elves are
giving away treats
Dec. 9 & 16

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Dec. 16, 17, 22 & 23
Activity Center

NOVENA MASS
starting Dec. 15
6pm - North Foyer

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Dec. 16, 17, 22 & 23
8pm - Lagoon Area

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Dec. 17

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The art of stalking on Tokyo's Ellen

Japan was crazy, charming and magical - I highly recommend getting lost there

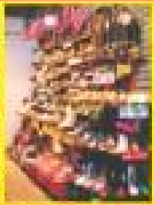




Sensory overload

Favorite Japanese boy



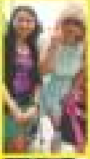







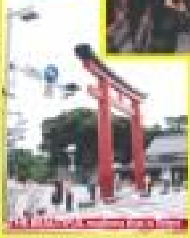
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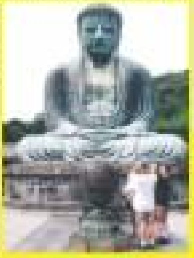




Scary insane fan

Pinoy power

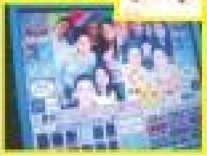










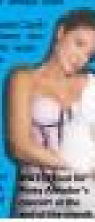







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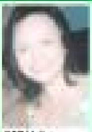


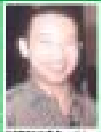


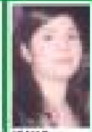




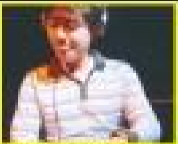


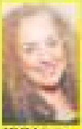


















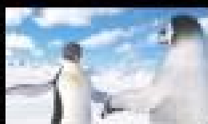
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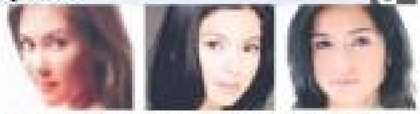
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Brittany Murphy dances to her heartsongs





SATURDAY Special



PANGANIBAN, LOCSIN AND MERCADO. Top(?) "Pitong Dalagita," "Mano Po 5" and "Super Noypi," respectively.

Young actresses move up a notch

By Nestor U. Torre

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, LOCAL film screens were graced by the established likes of Kris Aquino, Judy Ann Santos and Claudine Barretto.

These days, however, the stellar credits include newer leading ladies, with names like Kristine Hermosa and Anne Curtis ("Wag Kang Lilingon"), ... ("Sigaw"), and Angelica Panganiban, ... Cristine Reyes, Valerie Concepcion and Bea Alonzo ("Pitong Dalagita") crowding to take over.

Audience

[illegible]

Randy eye candy

[illegible]

[illegible]

YOUNG G4







FOXTROT BY BILL AMEND



A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA



BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



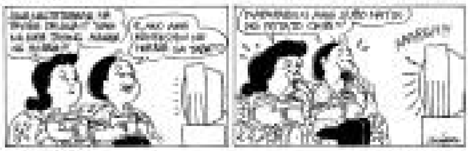
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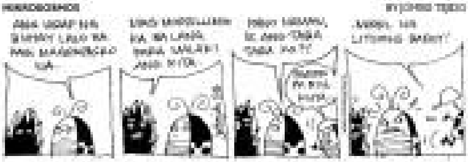
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HOROSCOMICS BY JOMIKE TEJIDO



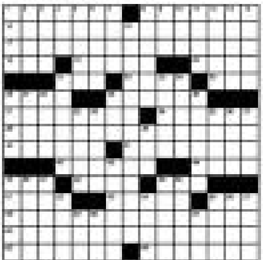
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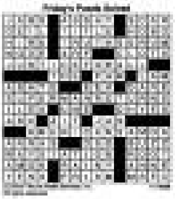
SALAMIN DARWIN PEREZ



DAILY CROSSWORD



Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

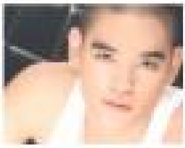
Answer to previous puzzle

[illegible]


EVANESCENCE. Releases latest album.


KELLY AND RENNIE. Explicit Hallmark miniseries.


SITTI. New CD includes 17 tracks.


JAY-R. Concert for Sun Cellular.


CAYABYAB. Accessible venue.

'Eucharistic Day of Renewal' at PICC tomorrow

'Whiskey Echo'

Sun Cellular in Cebu

'Nick Takes Over Your School'

Ryan Cayabyab at Robinson's Galleria

'Bakbakan '06'

Richmonde Hotel

'Forbidden City'

'Sitti Live'

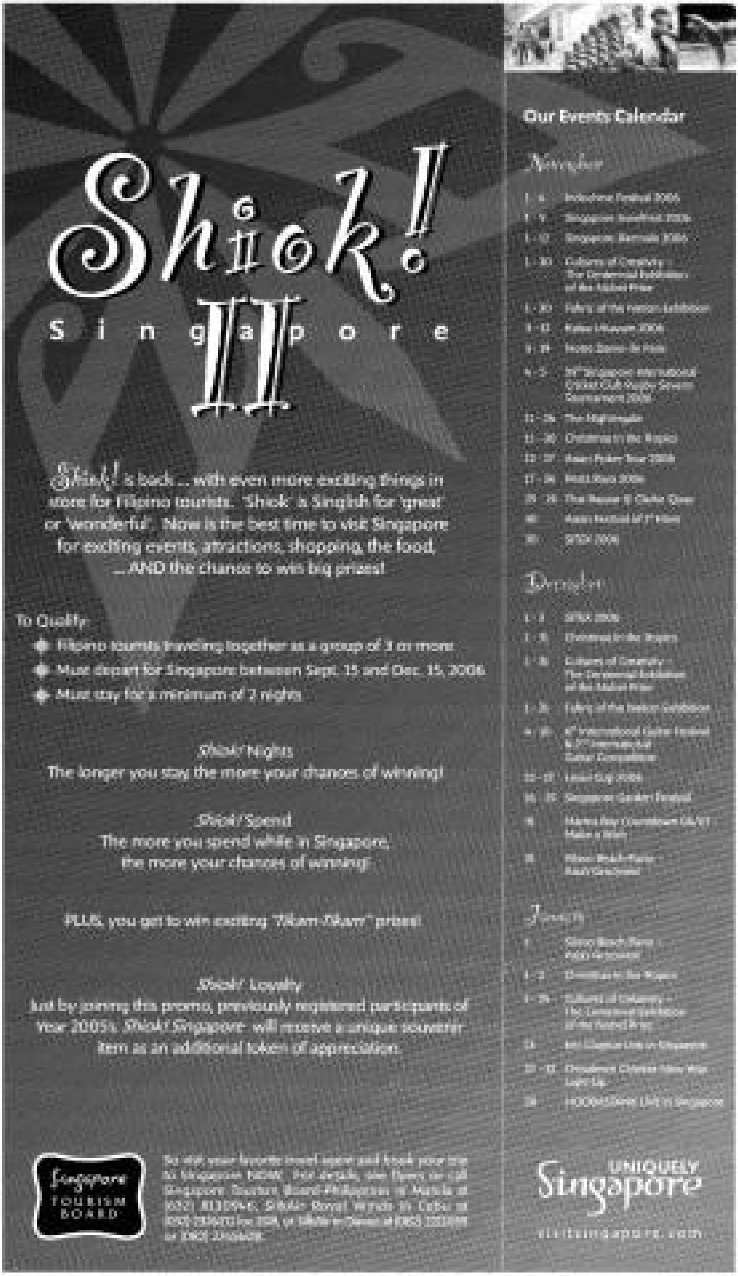
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Performing champs at Music Museum

'The Open Door'

MONTAGE

Movies on TV



Young actresses...



Business insights

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Highest quality

SATURDAY *Special*

Nora shines again in cautionary drama

By Rito P. Asilo



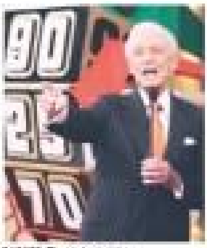
AUNOR: Knockout performance.

Similarities

Cohesive

Applicants

Bob Barker bids farewell to television after 50 years



BARKER: The timing is right.

Dual milestones

Retirement

AP

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'LES MISERABLES' returns with renewed clarity in story and song



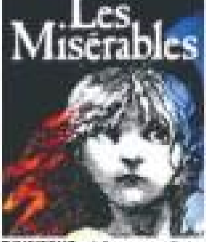
Collaborators

Additional pressure

Love triangle

Overwhelming popularity

AP







WILSON, AMADOR AND HEMARES. Superb, compelling performances.

NVC stages fresh, incisive play about women's body image

By Herbert Tiwo

"IN THE '50S," SAYS PINKY AMADOR PLAYing Eve Ensler onstage at the Music Museum, "good girls were pretty, pretty. They wore girdles and waist cinchers . . . In recent years, good girls climb the corporate ladder, go to the gym, wear pointy, painful shoes . . . They don't eat too much—they don't eat at all. They stay perfect. They stay thin. I could never be good."

The audience chuckles. Hungry, trying to be good girls wearing those pointy shoes wriggle their cramped toes and sigh with relief. Finally, somebody's talking about an issue that we've all been ignoring for far too long.

Focus

Ensler, who wrote the wildly successful "The Vagina Monologues," expands her focus to include the entire female body in her new work, "The Good Body." In this fresh, incisive and biting play Ensler analyzes her own—and every woman's—painful struggle with body image.

Originally a monologue, Ensler reworked it for three voices, and this version is being presented by the New Voice Company. Since its inception, NVC has presented us with productions that are not only entertaining, but also thought-provoking. "The Good Body" is not only funny and witty, it's also challenging and enlightening.

Insightfully directed by Bles Ashe, it stars Amador as Eve Ensler, and Monique Wilson and Jenny Hemares in a variety of roles. It's a very simple production. The set is not complicated, and the actresses mostly wear black, merely adding an accessory or two when changing character.

What's important here are the stories: there's Eve and her problem with her stomach, Cosmopolitan's editor, Helen Gurley Brown, and her non-stop crunches; Bernice who says "I'm fat. So what?"; Carmen who worries about her "spread," Carol who had a painful vaginoplasty just to make her husband happy. Priya, middle-aged, plump, and loving it; Nisreen, an Afghan woman taking her chances illegal ice cream.

Amador, Wilson and Hemares give superb, compelling performances that will have your sides splitting with laughter or your throat tightening with gathering tears.

Varied voices

Their varied voices spotlight the basic insecurity and low self-worth that a lot of women, wherever they may be in the world, possess.

More often than not, when a woman looks in the mirror, she's dissatisfied with what she sees. There's always something wrong, something that needs to be changed, and something that stops her from feeling like a

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SATURDAY Special




TOM Hanks' son, Colin (right), plays his biggest role to date in "Homeland Security."

Celebrities' sons and daughters come into their own

By Nestor U. Torre

AFTER Clint Eastwood's son, Scott Reeves, and his cameo portrayal in his dad's latest film, "Flags of Our Fathers," it's Tom Hanks' son, Colin's turn to further his own movie career with an appearance in his latest film, "Homeland Security."

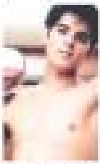
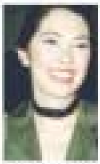
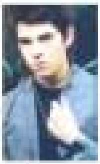


HUDSON (left) with her bubbly mom, Goldie Hawn.

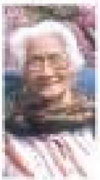
More significant

Show biz families

New generation



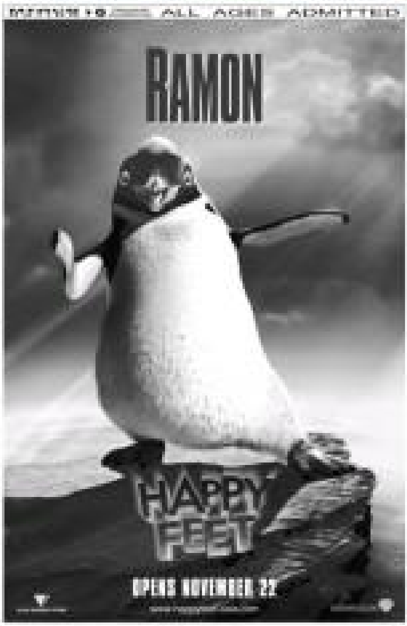


The peripatetic traveller

STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero





Hollywood's tough guys lost the girl, but got the gold

By Bebe Cervantes

BEFORE THE WORD "MACHO" BECAME popular, leading men who didn't possess the conventional good looks of most Hollywood actors were called tough guys.

They were good actors who were admired by the public despite their relatively unattractive mugs.

Charismatic

Tough guys were short but charismatic actors. They were seen squashing an orange on a dame's face or giving a woman the back of their hand. They were uncouth, rough men of the streets.

Hollywood's star-makers successfully created an ideal world inhabited by people who were larger than life. However, they also had to deal with actors who were only average in height and had non-classic faces.

Movie fans could identify with the average-sized, plain-looking Paul Muni, Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. None of these actors charmed female fans the way Errol Flynn did. But, each of them certainly appealed to every John Doe living in America, and was recognized by the Jane Doe who may have fantasized about Tyrone (Power), but identified with Humphrey.

Cuss word

In Hollywood's golden era, a look from Cagney said it all, and a mere gesture from Edward gave an intended cuss word the necessary exclamation point. Bogart could look mean and cruel with nothing [illegible]. On the other hand, Muni raised acting to a different level...he became the first actor to receive two Academy Awards.

Back then, there was no need to say the "F" word, because Bogart and company managed to communicate the right emotion without being graphic. To be so blatant was deemed déclassé and unnecessary.

Ferocity

Quite a few conservative eyebrows were raised when an angry Rhett Butler told the tempestuous Scarlet O'Hara: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn!" Yes, Clark Gable's ferocity was unheard of, and gentlemen did not use such language then!



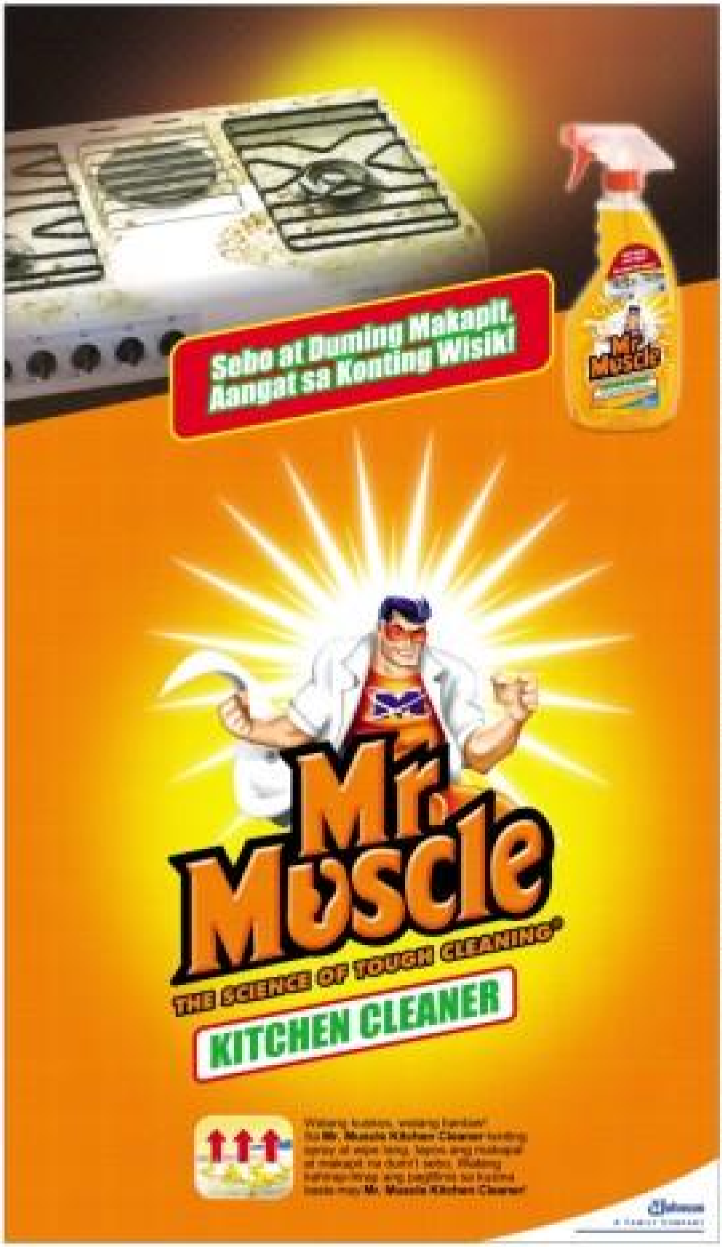
BOGART: "Ordinary" guys in the audience identified with him.

And, while the handsome likes of Gable, Gregory Peck, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant and Robert Taylor got the girl—from Ingrid Bergman and Ava Gardner to Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly—the tough guys, on the other hand, were the ones who reaped critical praise, laughing all the way to Oscar glory!



CAGNEY: A mean look from him said it all.

Richard remembers Karen Carpenter



[illegible]

Hit singles

[illegible]

Eating disorder

[illegible]



THE CARPENTERS. [illegible]

SATURDAY Special

Is the world ready for Borat Sagdiyev?

By Nestor U. Torre

THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL movie showing this month is "Borat—Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." It's been hailed as "one of the funniest pictures of all time" on one hand, and "inflammatory, dangerous, subversive and disgusting" on the other.

What makes "Borat" so controversial? Its lead character, Borat Sagdiyev (played by Sacha Baron Cohen) leaves his native Kazakhstan to make a documentary in the USA. He meets real people in real situations, and his [illegible] behavior elicits strong reactions which expose prejudices and hypocrisies in American culture.

Controversial

What's so controversial about that? Well, some viewers aren't exactly thrilled to see their own prejudices being spoofed, and others find Borat's behavior and language disagreeable, off-putting, and definitely unfunny.

But, the film and its title character have their fierce defenders, who point out that social and political satire is never polite, pleasing and easy to take.

Borat begins his cross-country odyssey in New York, where he experiences for the first time a subway car, an elevator, and a feminist group.

[illegible] in California. At this point, he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Close shaves

Given its "guerilla" style of filmmaking, "Borat" had more than its share of close shaves. In New York, a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The FBI [illegible] followed the [illegible] [illegible] White House. Through all of this, Cohen stayed in character as Borat, even while facing Secret Service agents and state police investigators.



COHEN in his "disagreeable" cinematic alter ego.

As Borat, Cohen [illegible] people as a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Why did the filmmakers take such risks? Well, they are "guerilla" of the cinema for nothing. [illegible]

Outcome

[illegible] the outcome of all this [illegible] has been [illegible] The movie "floored" viewers at the Cannes Film Festival, who laughed their heads off, but it's also offended others, including Kazakh officials, prompting them to mount a campaign [illegible] the real Kazakhstan.

Well, "Borat" is now being shown internationally. Is the world ready for the film and its "crazy" satire? Are Filipino viewers? Next week, we'll find out.

Kellie Pickler gears up for singing stardom



PICKLER: "An Idol should have a great personality and a story that's relatable."

Southern drawl

History

Petite blonde

Movie debut

Relationship

Superstars throw 80th birthday bash for Tony Bennett



BENNETT: Six decades of performing—and still going strong.

Standards

Classic jazz

Charity



MMFF '06 unveils nine official entries



MONTANO: Acts in and directs "Ligalig."



SANTOS: Co-stars with real-life boyfriend, Ryan Agoncillo.

Series

Losers vs Scoundrels in big-screen farce

Expect

Losers vs Scoundrels in big-screen farce



THORNTON: Has the manner and bearing of a gentleman, and the soul of a louse.

Premise

One-stop *Christmas* shopping at SM Homeworld



SM Homeworld's Christmas shop has all the ornaments and trimming accessories you need to create a holiday decorating scheme that combines the traditional with the fresh and unexpected.

At left, the deep sheen of the walnut-finish dining table adds class and character to the festive centerpiece grouping created from berries, twigs, fruit-inspired ornaments, sprigs of pine and gleaming glass candle holders plucked from SM Homeworld's Decor Section.



Home for Christmas

Rows of Christmas trees (available in different sizes of evergreen varieties) stand ready for shoppers at the entrance to the Furniture Section.



Just Add Pillows

Good linen is essential in achieving that fabulously luxurious ambience for your holiday home.



SM Homeworld's Linen Section has an impressive showcase of plump accent pillows and throws. Quite a number of them sport the patterns of the season. Choose prints that best suit your decorating scheme.

Celebrate with Style

'Tis time indeed to put together all things nice and colorful. So release the artist in you and create a grouping of furniture and decor that imparts a sense of occasion to your holiday home.

The leather and wood pieces shown below are available at the Furniture Section. Touches of Christmas are courtesy of the store's Decor Section.



A wide assortment of tableware (including mugs, cup and saucer sets, and dinner sets accented with the colors of the season) vie for shoppers' attention at SM Homeworld's Glassware Section.



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NOW SHOWING

Daniel Craig reinvents JAMES BOND



CRAIG. Unique ability to show the real person behind the enigmatic personality.

"Casino Royale"

"Maging Akin Muli"

"Wag Kang Lilingon"

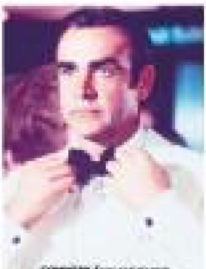


AGUSTIN. In his eyes, we see our own hopes and confusions.



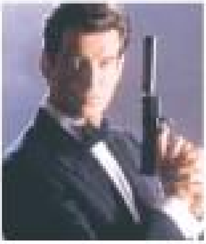
HERMOSA. Finds a mirror that holds the key to an unsolved crime.

Fans pick their fave Bond actor



CONNERY: Sexy and elegant.

Action icons



BROSNAN: Modern and daring.

Other actors



CRAIG: Lean and mean.



MOORE: Handsome and charming.

The real thing



DALTON: Very good actor.

Special effects

Directors court danger with edgy biopics

LOS ANGELES—Filmmakers mess with a legend at their own risk. Especially when it comes to commercial Hollywood biopics, it's dangerous to flout moviegoers' expectations.



KIDMAN (CENTER): Play noted photographer, Diane Arbus, in Steve Shainberg's "Fur."

Too unconventional

Unique approach

Love story

Mystery

Freaks

Iconic

Cary Grant's only child writes her father's memoir

Bitter divorce

Acting credits



GRANT: Portrait of a man who was an amazing daddy

British film shows life through a security camera



ARNOLD: Won an Oscar for her short feature, "Wasp."



"RED ROAD:" First part of a trilogy.

Operator

Festival

European productions attract local movie buffs

Groundbreaking

Discussion



Protagonist

Incentives